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Iran-Iraq War

In further reportage on fighting in the Al-Faw area, a military communique broadcast by Tehran radio claimed that Iraqi casualties have surpassed 4,600 and that Iran has "completely occupied" 7 "strategic" ravines in the area. The communique also asserted that Iran "liberated" several more km and brought the Iraqi command headquarters in that area under "complete control," and claimed that two Iraqi planes were downed. On the other hand, an Iraqi military spokesman cited by INA termed the Iranian statement on the downing of two Iraqi aircraft "absolutely untrue," while a later INA report, also citing an Iraqi military spokesman, dismissed Iranian reportage on fighting in the Al-Faw area and described it as "exposed lies." An Iraqi communique carried by Voice of the Masses radio acknowledged the Iranian offensive in the Al-Faw area but claimed that Iraq had "succeeded in halting" it in a series of "fierce" battles that inflicted "massive" losses upon the Iranians.

In other action, the Iraqi V Army Corps reportedly captured 16 areas of "vital territory" in the northeastern fronts, according to another communique broadcast by the radio.

Additionally, an Iraqi military spokesman disclosed that the Iraqi Air Force bombed Kermanshah airport, INA reported, while IRNA acknowledged that Iraqi planes raided a village in Bakhtaran, killing a civilian and wounding 32 others.

Bahrain-Qatar Dispute

A Bahraini Government statement carried by SPA expressed "regret" over Qatar's military action against "Bahraini territory" and the detention of unarmed civilian workers, considering this a departure from the principles of good neighborliness on which the GCC is based. The statement expressed "great appreciation" and support for Saudi Arabia's mediation efforts, adding that Bahrain also appreciates the "positive" stands of GCC leaders and their "sympathy with Bahrain's stand," which seeks to avoid violence.

The UAE paper *AL-KHALIJ* reported earlier that GCC officials are working on a proposal to replace Qatari forces on Fasht al-Dibal with a token force from the GCC's "Peninsula Shield" forces. Nevertheless, Bahraini and Qatari forces are still on "maximum alert," the paper said, and Bahrain's *GULF DAILY NEWS* subsequently reported further evidence that Qatar is continuing a military buildup along its western coast. The Qataris are still keeping secret the whereabouts of 29 men abducted from Fasht al-Dibal by Qatari troops, *GULF DAILY NEWS* stated.

Arab Summit

Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar', currently in Belgrade, "clearly hinted" that a postponement of the proposed emergency Arab summit "should not be ruled out," in a statement to KUNA. Elaborating on this, Al-Shar' revealed that Syria has agreed to Libya's "request" to host the summit in Sabha, Libya, and he maintained that emergency summits should discuss "urgent matters," namely the U.S. aggression against Libya, SANA reported citing the same statement. Meanwhile, Libyan Major 'Abd al-Salam Jallud insisted that the summit should discuss a "joint Arab reaction" to the U.S. raids in an interview with the Beirut paper *AL-SAFIR* cited by KUNA. Jallud accused a number of Arab states of "attempting to exploit" the summit to "force" Libya into "making concessions," and asserted that the U.S. raids had not deterred Libya from pursuing its "revolutionary line."

In related developments, Rabat radio reports noted the arrival of several Arab foreign ministers in Fes for the scheduled 30 April Arab foreign ministers meeting.

Libya

Iranian Message — Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi received the visiting Iranian delegation, Tripoli radio reported, adding that the Iranians gave Al-Qadhdhafi a message from the Iranian leadership which affirmed that "hundreds of thousands" of Iranian volunteers are ready to go to the Jamahiriyah to help protect the Libyan leader. IRNA's report on the meeting did not mention this offer, though IRNA noted the Iranian foreign minister's statement that Iran is willing to provide "any sort of assistance."

Reagan Warning — A poem broadcast by Tripoli television promised that President Reagan will "most certainly" be killed "like a stuck pig."

Relations With Egypt, Tunisia — A JANA commentary sharply attacked Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali for his statement to Spain's *EL PAIS* that Arab countries are agreed in condemning Libya's "destabilizing" policy. As for Libya's recent request for arms from Egypt, Egyptian Prime Minister 'Ali Lutfi stated during his visit to Amman that after the long alienation between Egypt and Libya, the latter should have focused attention on improving relations rather than requesting arms, according to MENA.

In a parliamentary address reported by Tunis radio, the Tunisian foreign minister confirmed that Tunisia's decision to remain silent over the U.S.-Libyan conflict is linked with the rupture in Tunisian-Libyan relations and with Libya's threats and accusations against Tunisia.

Syria

SANA announced the public execution of Lebanese citizen Ahmad Hasan 'Id, who was arrested by the authorities in connection with a 13 March explosion in Damascus. The criminal's confessions left no room for doubt that the "agent" Iraqi regime was behind the "spiteful, foolish crime," SANA asserted.

Israel

The authorities have arrested a terrorist squad suspected of perpetrating a number of recent attacks in Jerusalem, including the 27 April killing of a British tourist, Jerusalem radio reported. The squad was reportedly affiliated to Colonel Sa'id Musa Muragha's [Abu Musa] organization.

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Official Mentions Karmal at Road Naming Ceremony

LD291520 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Excerpts] Kabul, 29 Apr (BAKHTAR) — In accordance with a decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, the main road between Microrayon and the military university was named "Jada-e Awal-e May" [1 May Road] to welcome 1 May — the international solidarity day of workers and toilers in the world.

In the meeting of Kabul's toilers which was held on the occasion, Wali Mohammad Abdiani, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kabul City People's Representative Council spoke and said: According to the words of the dear leader of the Afghan people Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, Kabul is the heart of revolutionary Afghanistan, which has earned another honor that is naming the 1 May Road in the city.

Karmal Signs Decree

LD291658 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Excerpt] The DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium has issued a decree naming the road from Microrayon crossroads to the military university 1 May road.

[Dated] 28 April 1986

[Signed] Babrak Karmal, President of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium

Provincial Theater Shows Film of Karmal Visit

LD291509 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1330 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Excerpts] To welcome the 8th anniversary of the victory of the April Revolution in Aybak city, provicial capital of Samagan Province, the municipal cinema yesterday showed a film of the official visit to Bulgaria by the dear leader of Afghanistan's people, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

Reception Held Commemorating April Revolution

LD291334 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 16700 GMT 27 Apr 86

[Text] In honor of the 8th anniversary of the glorious April Revolution, a reception was held in the Foreign Affairs Ministry Reception Hall tonight by the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council and the DRA Council of Ministers.

Members of the Politburo and Secretariat of the PDPA Central Committee, members of the Revolutionary Council, members of the Council of Ministers, chairman, and members of the NFF Central Council, and a number of the Armed Forces generals, ambassadors, charges d'affaires, and military attaches of the friendly countries resident in Kabul and their wives participated in the reception.

During the reception, concerts were performed by the DRA radio and television's performers and Soviet performers.

AFP: Heavy Water Plant Fire Reported in Orissa

BK301019 Hong Kong AFP in English 1008 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] New Delhi, April 30 (AFP) — Hundreds of families fled in panic as a heavy-water plant caught fire in eastern Orissa state late Tuesday, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported Wednesday. The blaze was triggered by a burst synthesis gas pipe line at the plant, run by the Indian Atomic Energy Department at Talcher, about 340 kilometres (212 miles) southwest of Calcutta. The fire was "devastating", the agency said, and caused hundreds of families to flee in panic. No casualties were reported, PTI said. Firefighters brought the blaze under control in about 90 minutes, the agency added.

Further Details

BK301252 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] In Orissa, a fire broke out at the heavy water plant of the Atomic Energy Commission [AEC] near Talcher Fertilizer Corporation of India [FCI] last night destroying the pump house and the adjacent control room. The pump house could not withstand the pressure of synthetic gas leading to heavy leakage and later caught fire. According to FCI sources, there has been no casualty. The fire was extinguished within 4 hours. The director of the AEC is rushing to the spot from Bombay tonight.

Reportage, Commentary on Sikh 'Khalistan' State

Announcement of New State

BK291231 London BBC World Service in English 1200 GMT 29 Apr 86

[From "Radio Newsreel" program]

[Text] Sikh extremists occupying the holy shrine of their religion — the Golden Temple in Amritsar — have thrown down a new challange to the Indian federal government in Delhi and their state government of Punjab. They say they are setting up a separate state of Sikhs to be known as Khalistan. The move was proclaimed in a statement signed by all five memberse of the committee set up by the extremists. Our correspondent Mark Tully says four of the five are on the police wanted list.

[Begin Tully recording] The committee met journalists in the [words indistinct] of the marble pavement which surrounds the sacred pool in the center of the temple complex. They announced that the government of Khalistan would be formed very soon and said the prime minister designate had been authorized to nominate his cabinet, but they refuse to name the prime minister designate. The committee would not give details of the territory they claimed as Khalistan, but they did say the capital would be Delhi. The Indian capital is well outside the boundaries of the existing Sikh state of Punjab. The committee appealed to all governments to recognize Khalistan, making specific appeals to several countries including Britain, America, Pakistan and India. It offered to negotiate with India to avoid bloodshed.

There is split among the Sikhs inside the Golden Temple, and it could be that today's announcement is a bid by the group which appears to enjoy the majority support to outdo its rivals. It could also be an attempt to force the government to send police or paramilitary forces into the Golden Temple in the hope that this would cause outrage amongst the Sikh community.

Sikh Spokesman on Aims

BK291034 Hong Kong AFP in English 1027 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] Amritsar, India, April 29 (AFP) — Sikhs in this Indian state of Punjab have formed a Sikh nation and asked world governments to recognise it, a Sikh militant spokesman announced Tuesday. "We have formed the government of Khalistan... We will shortly announce the boundary," spokesman Bhai Gurdev Singh told reporters inside Sikhism's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple.

Mr. Gurdev Singh said he would seek permission from the United Nations to send a representative to the world body. "Khalistan will maintain cordial relations with all its neighbours, including India," he said. "We will have our own army... the motto of our government will be welfare for all... the state religion of Khalistan will be Sikhism," he said. "We will have our constitution where Sikhism will flourish." Governments, including those of the United States, France, Britain, Canada, China and Pakistan, were asked to recognize the new government, he said.

In New Delhi, Indian Government spokesman V. B. Verma told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE, "we know nothing" of the announcement.

A five-member group formed by the militants January 26 to handle Sikh affairs made the decision to form the government and will guide it in political, international and religious affairs, Mr. Gurdev Singh said. The group mainly represents the All India Sikh Students Federation, the sword-arm of the militants, and the Damdami Taksal, a Sikh seminary from where the late firebrand leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale rose, observers said.

Mr. Gurdev Singh said the group had appealed to Sikhs across India to migrate to Punjab. He said the Khalistan government would offer a population exchange plan with the Indian Government to allow Sikhs to come to Punjab and Hindus in the Punjab to migrate into India. Hindus account for about 40 per cent of the state's population. A section of India's 16 million Sikhs have been campaigning for six years for greater political autonomy for their rich farming state in India's north, while the hardcore among them want secession and formation of Sikh nation.

There was no proclamation of the announcement in the streets of Amritsar, and observers in New Delhi said it was more a publicity stunt than a serious move. They recalled that Sikh groups in 1980 had printed "Khalistan passports" and currency and had made a similar claim. The campaign suffered a setback when the Indian army moved in on the Golden Temple to evict militants in June 1984 and some 650 people died. Militancy appears to have begun rising again since late last year, with some 100 killed in related violence since January 1.

Chandigarh, New Delhi Reaction

BK291603 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] The extremists-supported 5-member panthic [Sikh religious] committee today announced the formation of what they called Khalistan from the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar. Prominent Sikh leaders, including the agriculture minister, Mr Buta Singh, has strongly condemned the statement.

The Punjab chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, has described the secessionists' statement by the self-styled five members of the panthic committee as absurd, senseless, and sacrilegious. He said the statement issued by these elements and their foreign collaborators shows that they have become desperate in the face of firmness shown by the state government. In a statement in Chandigarh this evening, the chief minister said these elements will now discover that no Sikh accepts the idea of a separate state. Mr Barnala said the statement deserves to be condemned strongly by all.

In New Delhi, various leaders said the attitude of these persons was known and their announcement does not come as a surprise. Apparently, this is the desperate bid to gain some ground as such elements are feeling increasingly isolated in the Sikh community. The Bharatiya Janata Party leader, Mr L. K. Advani, asked the government to take necessary action immediately to deal with the situation. The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, had consultations with his top aides on the development.

Punjab Cabinet Meets; Officials Comment

BK300423 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Excerpts] There has been widespread condemnation of yesterday's announcement of the formation of the so called Khalistan by a minor fringe of the extremist elements operating from the Golden Temple in Amritsar represented by the 5-member Panthic [Sikh religious] committee. The Punjab chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, described the secessionist statement by the self-styled panthic committee as absurd, senseless and sacrilegious.

The Punjab cabinet is meeting in Chandigarh this morning and the working committee of the Akali Dal, the district presidents of the party and the legislature party are meeting in the afternoon to discuss the situation arising out of the announcement by the panthic committee. The Punjab governor, Mr Siddharta Shankar Ray, has summoned the meeting of the recently constituted informal group of all political parties to discuss the situation in the state. The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, had consultations with his top aides on the development.

Prominent Sikh leaders belonging to various organizations all over the country have strongly condemned the secessionist act of the disgruntled panthic committee. In a press release in New Delhi they said the Sikhs, known for their national spirit, do not attach any importance to the declaration. It said that those associated with the committee are proclaimed enemies of the Sikh panth and the country. They urged the state government to swiftly evict them from the Golden Temple and punish them under the National Security Act. The speaker of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Mr Tara Singh, has said that such declarations are dangerous to the security of the state and all Sikhs of the country are against such unpatriotic act.

The Andhra Pradesh chief minister, Mr N.T. Rama Rao, said those who have issued the secessionist statement have no credibility. The West Bengal chief minister, Mr Jyoti Basu, has extended his support to Mr Barnala in tackling the situation. The Bharatiya Janata Party leader Mr L.K. Advani, asked the government to take necessary action to immediately deal with the situation. The Janata Party president, Mr Chandrasekhar, described it as a sinister plan which would undoubtedly be treated with contempt by the patriotic people of Punjab. The general secretary of the All India Forward Block, Mr (Chito Basu) has expressed grave concern over the incident and stressed that India's unity and integrity must be preserved at all costs. A large number of members of parliament belonging to different parties have also pledged their support to Mr Barnala.

Punjab Cabinet Issues Condemnation

BK301255 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] The Punjab cabinet at an emergency meeting in Chandigarh today strongly condemned the secessionist statement issued by the self-styled Panthic [Sikh religious] committee in Amritsar yesterday. A resolution adopted at the meeting said this move has exposed the sinister design of the foreign forces who are trying to destabilize and disrupt the unity and the solidarity of the country. The cabinet reiterated its resolve to fight to the finish against these elements that cannot be allowed to challenge the sovereignty of the country. The cabinet also felt that speedy implementation of the Punjab accord will further strengthen the resolve of the people of Punjab to deal firmly with anti-democratic, anti-national, and unpatriotic forces.

Sedition Case Registered

BK300752 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Excerpt] In Amritsar, a sedition case has been registered by the police against the 5-member panthic [Sikh religious] committee which has announced the formation of the so-called Khalistan. The case under Sections 124-A and 153-A of the Indian Penal Code, Section 13 of the unlawful activities act and Sections 3 and 4 of the antiterrorist act [was] registered at the city Kotwali [police station] last night.

Home Minister: 'Grave Matter'

BK300919 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] The The home minister declared in the Lok Sabha today that the announcement of the formation of so-called Khalistan by a group of people styling themselves as the Panthic [Sikh religious] committee is a grave matter and the government is

determined to deal with the situation sternly. Making a statement, Mr Narasimha Rao, said no part of our territory will be allowed to be used for secessionist activities. The Punjab government is taking firm action on the matter. The center will give all the assistance and support that the state government requires.

Immediately after the statement, the speaker, Mr Balram Jakhar, held a meeting in his chamber with the home minister and the opposition leaders. As soon as the House assembled, several members from both sides sought to raise the issue and requested the chair to suspend the question hour for an immediate discussion. Sharing the concern of the members, Mr Rao said the government is prepared for a discussion. It is giving all the seriousness to the matter that it deserves. Certain steps are being taken, but he could not give the details. The speaker asked the members to give a notice for the discussion.

The home minister made a similar statement in the Rajya Sabha. Seeking clarification, members expressed grave concern over the development. They said all patriotic forces should unite and act swiftly to isolate the forces of secession. A member wanted mobilization of the masses against these elements and immediate implementation of the Punjab accord. Another member said that an all-party team should immediately visit Punjab to restore confidence among the people and express solidarity with them. Another member wanted to know what action the government of Punjab or the Center has taken since the so-called declaration was made. The discussion in the House is on.

Security Forces Enter Golden Temple

BK301222 Hong Kong AFP in English 1216 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Excerpt] Amritsar, India, April 30 (AFP) — Armed police and commandos entered the Sikhs' Golden Temple here Wednesday to clear out the militant Sikhs who had announced the formation of a separate homeland Tuesday, eyewitnesses said. Shots were heard soon after a large number of the forces went inside the holiest of the Sikh shrines, the eyewitnesses said.

Further on Golden Temple Action

BK301320 Hong Kong AFP in English 1310 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] Amritsar, India, April 30 (AFP) — Indian security forces Wednesday stormed the Golden Temple here, the Sikh's holiest shrine, a day after militants had announced the setting up of a separate Sikh homeland, witnesses said. Seven truckloads of commandos aided by Punjab police entered the shrine to flush out Sikh militants who had proclaimed their homeland, Khalistan, Tuesday and called on foreign governments to recognise it. Witnesses said that the security forces stormed the temple at 5 pm (1130 GMT) and fired shots.

In New Delhi, federal government spokesman, Ramamohan Rao, said "I am unable to comment on the development... the government may make a statement in the Parliament". Parliamentary sources said that a statement would be made later this evening.

Between 1,000 to 2,000 people were inside the shrine when the security forces went in, informed sources said.

Before the move by the security forces, informed sources in Amritsar had told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE that the five had left the shrine, apparently to escape arrest. Gurdav Singh, leader of the five, said Tuesday the "Khalistan" government based in the Golden Temple would soon announce the new state's borders and would have "cordial relations with all its neighbours, including India."

Residents here reported mounting tension as the news of the storming triggered closure of shops and markets. Soon after the security forces reached the temple area, a curfew was clamped down, a witness said. Residents were given five minutes to leave the area before the security forces took up positions, witnesses said. "The operation is still continuning and we do not know what is happening", said one witness. "There is utter confusion... people are worried that it may be a repetition of the June 1984 Indian Army storming," another said, and his view was echoed by others.

About 650 people, including the entire leadership of the militant Sikhs, were killed when the Army fought its way into the temple in this operation which sparked a chain of reactions culminating in the October 31 assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Further Reportage on Visit of FRG Chancellor

Talks With Gandhi; Dinner Remarks

LD281836 Hamburg DPA in German 1422 GMT 28 Apr 86

[Text] New Delhi, 28 Apr (DPA) — Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl intends to expand relations with India in the political, cultural and economic spheres.

After a 2-hour exchange of views with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, the chancellor stated on Monday evening (local time) during a meal: "I have come to India with the stated aim of expanding and deepening this relationship wherever possible."

Kohl also spoke with Gandhi about the development of East-West relations, the efforts for disarmament, the role of the Nonaligned Movement as well as the Libyan crisis and the relationship of both countries with China.

In a parallel German-Indian round of delegation talks in which Juergen Warnke, federal minister for economic cooperation, took part, Bonn again showed its readiness to deliver DM400 [figure as received] in development aid to New Delhi. The Federal Republic wishes to give priority to multilateral help, for instance via the International Development Bank.

The chancellor was officially welcomed by Gandhi early on Monday at Delhi airport. Then Kohl visited the Goethe Institute and the Indira Gandhi Memorial, and planted a sapling at the monument to Mahatma Gandhi. Zail Singh, president of India, paid tribute to Kohl's visit as a historic event.

Kohl also discussed with Gandhi the development of international terrorism and the role of Libya. In his dinner speech, he called terrorism the "plague of our time" and called for a common fight: "We must now grasp it by the roots, not [wait] until we are affected by it immediately." Kohl told Gandhi that he regrets that although the nonaligned states had spoken against terrorism, they had not as yet called Libya to order. There must not be double standards. Following disagreements 2 years ago in connection with the release from German custody of a Sikh terrorist wanted in India, Kohl emphasized that the FRG did not tolerate any form of terrorism on its soil, also not by Sikhs. Bonn is willing to conclude an extradition treaty with India.

Two framework agreements in the fields of coal and ocean technology are being signed during the Kohl visit, to intensify German-Indian relations.

At the dinner given by government leader Gandhi, the chancellor said that the FRG wants to pass on its technology to India also. Bonn is prepared to participate in the modernization process in that country. India is also to be given help in improving its sales opportunities in the German and European markets.

Kohl also spoke in favor of vitalizing the political dialogue between the industrialized and the developing countries. Gandhi should stimulate thought about form and content. The chancellor emphasized the role of the nonaligned states in safeguarding world peace and praised India's demand for world-wide nuclear disarmament, which was also supported by Bonn.

Pledges Continued Support

BK291616 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] The West German financial assistance to India is to be stepped up by 10 percent from this year. Announcing this at a news conference in New Delhi today, the West German chancellor, Dr Helmut Kohl, said India will continue to be his country's main partner in development cooperation.

It was disclosed that during this visit, a memorandum of understanding was signed on cooperation in coal and lignite industries. Another memorandum will deal with cooperation in oceanographic technology. A third memorandum relates to new fields, of research at the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras. There was general agreement on developing scientific cooperation in different fields.

Dr Kohl declared that West Germany stands for the unity and integrity of India in the face of any attempt to destablize this country. Describing terrorism as a plague of our time, he said his discussions also related to cooperation in fighting this menace.

Answering a question about concluding an extradition treaty with India, Dr Kohl said the question had come up for discussion. West Germany will not tolerate the emergence of terrorism against India. But this matter has to be tackled within the framework of the rule of law. He said his country will take action within this framework if notified about specific cases of terrorism.

Dr Kohl was asked for his views on the American air raids on Libya. He said he had advised the Americans against taking the action. But he understood the feeling of bitterness among the Americans. He maintained that the recent terrorist attack on a discotheque in West Berlin could be traced to Libya.

Dr Kohl spoke of his meeting with Mother Teresa and said he had admired her work for the poor and the unwanted.

He disclosed that he had invited the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, to visit West Germany.

'Unprovoked Attacks' From Afghanistan Protested

BK291537 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] The Afghan Armed Forces fired six rounds from tanks on Sunday morning [27 April], which landed at Lakka Tigga in Khurram Agency, killing one Afghan refugee and injuring another. Later, at 1330 on the same day, Afghan forces fired 13 rounds from tanks at the same area but there is no report of any loss of life or damage to property.

At 1650 on the same day, the Afghan forces fired a mortar shell which landed near the Frontier Corps post at Tor Kham, injuring a soldier of the Khyber Rifles. Just 5 minutes later, the Afghan forces fired two mortar shells, which landed in the Frontier Corps area in Tor Kham, wounding one Pakistani national.

The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office in Islamabad this afternoon, and a strong protest was lodged with him over these unprovoked attacks.

Prime Minister on Nuclear Energy, Political Situation

BK261119 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 26 Apr 86

[Excerpt] The prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, inaugurated five additional power producing units at the Guddu thermal power station near Kashmor this afternoon. Speaking on the occasion, he declared that Pakistan, as an independent, sovereign and self-respecting nation, has the right to use modern technology to improve the life of its people. The prime minister said the modern technology needed eradicating poverty, ignorance, and diseases includes the use of nuclear technology. Pakistan has already made its stand clear on the development of nuclear technology, and we don't have to give repeated assurances on this account to anyone. Pakistan will use nuclear power for peaceful purposes in order to bring about all-round socioeconomic development, and we believe that our friends will help us in the use of this technology for peaceful purposes as they have helped us in the energy field.

The prime minister said the way to overcome the energy crisis in the country is to use whatever technology is available. Pakistan has great manpower potential. We have competent experts who can put modern technology into use for our development. The prime minister said the government is determined to remove every obstacle in the way of the country's socioeconomic development. The important factor in our efforts is to achieve progress in agricultural industries and other sectors.

Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo said that in the formulation of his 5-point program he has given special consideration to the needs of the poor. He said we want economic progress that will benefit every segment of the population and every region of the country. Every development project is devised to keep this aim in view. The prime minister declared that financial constraints will not be allowed to hinder the government's aim to achieve the socioeconomic progress of the people and all resources will be utilized to implement the development projects. He said 90 percent of the villages will be provided with electricity by 1990 and loadshedding will be done away with. He said the Guddu project will definitely help in achieving this. He asked the minister for water and power to ensure that there is no loadshedding during the month of Ramadan.

The prime minister thanked the Chinese and American Governments for their help and support for the completion of Guddu project.

Earlier on arrival at the Sukkur airport, the prime minister reiterated that there is complete political freedom and freedom of expression in the country. He said there has been no emergency in the country since the lifting of martial law.

In reply to a question, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo said that the National Assembly has authenticated the Constitution. If anyone wants to pass an amendment, this can only be done through the national forum. He said everyone knows what was done by those who call themselves mazlum [oppressed] today at the time when they were in power. He said those violating the law of the country will be dealt with accordingly.

Afghan Mujahidin Active in Oruzgan, Qandahar

BK280227 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 28 Apr 86

[Text] According to reports from Afghanistan, the mujahidin shot down a military aircraft and a helicopter gunship attacking their positions in Oruzgan Province on the eve of the anniversary of the communist takeover of government in Afghanistan.

Another report says the mujahidin successfully attacked a military post in Qandahar and occupied it without any resistance. During this action, the commander of the post and 30 soldiers joined the mujahidin. They also seized a large quantity of arms.

Mujahidin Raid Army Camp; Recapture Zhawar

BK291027 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] In Afghanistan, 18 Soviet-Karmal troops were killed when the mujahidin raided a Soviet-Karmal Army camp near Charikar in Parvan Province last week. A number of tanks were also damaged during the operation.

Another report says the mujahidin killed a number of Soviet-Karmal troops and recaptured the town Zhawar in eastern Afghanistan recently.

NEPAL

Anti-Government 'Gangs' Attack Katmandu Police Posts

BK291700 Hong Kong AFP in English 1654 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] Katmandu, April 29 (AFP) — Masked gangs have attacked three police posts in Katmandu, vandalising them and injuring at least two policemen, press reports said here Tuesday. These three groups, each consisting of four people armed with iron rods, attacked police posts in three main shopping areas of the city early Monday, the press reports said. The masked attackers reportedly vandalised the police posts, injured two police and chanted slogans against Nepal's partyless Panchayat system and strewed anti-Panchayat leaflets before running off. The official news agency RSS said that three people had been arrested and were being questioned. It did not reveal their identities.

Nepal is preparing for a general election May 12 and in recent weeks the banned pro-Marxist and Leninist factions of the banned Nepal Communist Party has launched a campaign of wall slogans urging voters to boycott the poll.

SRI LANKA

AFP: 54 Confirmed Dead in Kantalai Dam Burst

BK250934 Hong Kong AFP in English 0916 GMT 25 Apr 86

[Text] Colombo, April 25 (AFP) — Fifty-four people have been confirmed dead and 83 missing after an irrigation dam burst in northeast Sri Lanka, officials said Friday. It would take a few more days to check on whether the 83 missing had been drowned or managed to escape after the 150,000 acre (61,000 hectare) Kantalai dam in Trincomalee District burst its banks early Sunday, swamping several villages, Trincomalee District Administrator D. M. Ariyaratne said. But he said that 54 people had been confirmed killed. Earlier unofficial reports had said the death toll could be as high as 200.

Brigadier Harsha Gunaratne, the Trincomalee District military coordinator who handled the rescue operation and Mr Ariyaratne visited the Kantalai area again Thursday to assess the situation.

Some 8,000 people who had been housed in makeshift temporary accommodation after the dam burst destroyed their homes had returned to their homes or what was left of them, officials said. But some had later returned to the temporary camps because they found that their homes had been completely destroyed. Government officials had fanned out in the affected areas to survey the damage and their reports were expected by late Friday, officials said.

The Social Services Ministry Wednesday appealed for coconuts, saying that some 30,000 people were suffering an acute food shortage, and particularly needed coconuts, chilis and curry powder. A government statement Wednesday said it would pay compensation to those whose homes and crops had been destroyed and grant "soft loans" to rebuild houses.

Delhi: Weekend Violence, Jaffna Strike Detailed

BK290411 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] In Sri Lanka, 23 militants were killed over the weekend in two separate incidents when the boats in which they were traveling were destroyed by the Sri Lankan Navy off the Jaffna Peninsula. According to delayed information reaching Colombo, 11 of them belonging to the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization — TELO — were killed when their boat was blown up near the port at Karainagar on Saturday night. Another 12 reportedly from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam [LTTE] were killed on Sunday [27 April] morning in a similar encounter with Sri Lankan naval patrol. All India Radio's Colombo correspondent, Plabon Majunder, reports that among those killed was a militant leader from Point Pedro.

A bundh [strike] was observed in Jaffna yesterday following these incidents. Black flags were flown from houses, shops were closed, and most of the vehicles were off the road. A call for hartal [strike] has been given for today as well.

A landmine struck a security forces vehicle at Palugamam about 23 km from the eastern town of Batticaloa. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the death toll may be high.

4 'Terrorists,' 1 Policeman Killed 28 Apr

BK291123 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 29 Apr 86

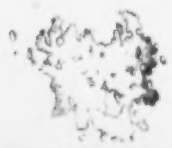
[Text] Four terrorists were killed and six captured by security forces at Valveddi in Batticaloa yesterday after the terrorists had attacked a police patrol. Security sources told LANKA PUWATH that four terrorists on bicycles had approached the police party, thrown a grenade at them, and got away on their bicycles. Immediately after this, another gang of terrorists had appeared and began firing at the police party. Reinforcement was sent from the nearby police station and air assistance was also provided to repulse the attack. Security sources said that two police constables had been injured in the attack. One police constable later died.

Government troops later conducted a search in the area and found bodies of four terrorists and also took into custody six terrorists. The security forces captured detonators, camouflage uniforms, identity cards belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam terrorist group, and a quantity of cyanide.

'Terrorist' Killed by Security Forces 25 Apr

BK281139 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 28 Apr 86

[Text] Marxist terrorists attacked a security forces' mobile patrol at (Kagama) in Ampara last Friday. According to LANKA PUWATH security forces counterattacked effectively and one terrorist was shot dead. The other terrorist fled. There were no casualties among the security forces.



IRNA: Khomeyni Receives Al-Faw Fighters

LD301041 Tehran IRNA in English 1010 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 30, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the Islamic revolution of Iran, received a group of Islamic forces of Iran who fought for liberation of the Iraqi port of Al-Faw, at Jamaran mosque here Wednesday morning.

Majlis speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani who is also Imam Khomeyni's representative to the Supreme Defense Council, was also present at the meeting.

Rafsanjani referred to various dimensions of Val-Fajr-8 offensive which led to the liberation of Al-Faw and said that the offensive was a turning point in the history of the Iraqi-imposed war.

Referring to the Monday attack Iran launched in northern Al-Faw peninsula in which four Iraqi brigades have been smashed, Rafsanjani said that heavy blows were dealt at the remnants of Iraqi troops in the area have paralyzed the enemy. [sentence as received]

He further referred to the dispatch of 'Karbala' caravans' to battlefields and said "We are prepared to give an unforgettable lesson to our enemies."

The Islamic forces who were received by Imam Khomeyni were representing various units. A number of Army and Islamic revolution's Guards Corps commanders were also present.

At the end of the meeting, the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran responded to the enthusiasm of the visitors.

Khamene'i Continues Visit to Baluchistan va Sistan

Addresses Soldiers in 'Sensitive' Province

LD301228 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Excerpts] The joint morning parade of the Armed Forces stationed in Zahedan was held this morning in the presence of President Khamene'i, at the base of Zahedan's 88th Armored Division. President Khamene'i in his speech referred to the duties of the Armed Forces in defending the holy aims of the Islamic revolution, the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council said: One of the most important issues for the Armed Forces at this juncture, especially during the imposed war period, is their unity and solidarity.

He added: This is a sensitive province. World arrogance incites its follower to create mischief. Therefore, all over the province, you should preserve your honor, will, strength and decisiveness, and reliance on God. You should deal decisively with insurgents, smugglers and lackeys of world arrogance.

He concluded by saying: Today we are ready to confront any aggressor. We shall put any aggressor in his place, with strength. With that same strength, we threw the aggressor regime of Saddam out of our borders and achieved great victories.

Addresses People in Iranshahr

GF300626 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] President Mr Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, who has travelled to Sistan va Baluchestan Province to review the issues and problems in the province and to meet the province's people, arrived in Iranshahr yesterday afternoon, on the second day of his trip to this province. At the airport, he was welcomed by people from all walks of life, Friday imams — both Shi'a and Sunni — clergy, and local officials.

According to the Central News Unit, after his arrival in Iranshahr, Mr Khamene'i appeared at a gathering of the town's people in the Iranshahr sports stadium. He gave a speech during which he said: Because of the effort of dedicated and pious young people, the government of the Islamic Republic has been able to accomplish 10 times more than what was done during the cruel years of the shah's regime. But despite this, our task is only half done. With the help of God, we are determined to turn the abundant pRovince of Sistan va Baluchistan into a cultivated province.

According to the report received, in continuation of his visit to Iranshahr, the president yesterday afternoon met and held talks with the Sunni and Shi'a clergy, wearing the traditional Baluchi clothes. The Central News Unit indicates that the imam's representative in the province, the governor general, Iranshahr's Friday imam, the temporary Sunni Friday imam of Zahedan, other Friday imams, clergy, governors, and district governors of Baluchestan were also present at this meeting.

During this session, Mr Khamene'i stated that he was pleased to be among them. He added: I am proud that I am a theological student and a clergyman. In this regime, anyone who is able to take a step for Islam must be proud. Anything we have is due to the blessing of the Koran and the wisdom of the Lord. Today, the mission and the responsibility of the Iranian ulema — both Shi'a and Sunni — is more than their responsibilities and duties in the past. It is more than the responsibilities of other ulema in other places.

Continuing, Mr Khamene'i commented on the plots of the world aggressors against the Islamic Republic of Iran. He said: Today the Iranian people have taken the Koran in hand in the face of Western and Eastern powers and are going forward. We must beware that the Shi'a and Sunnis must stand together and must be one united front.

Prime Minister Condemns U.S. 'Plot' on Oil Prices

LD291924 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Excerpt] Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi this evening visited the various sections of the Parchin group of chemical plants belonging to the defense industries organization. Our correspondent reports that in the course of the visit, attended also by the defense minister, the head of the defense industries organization reported that despite all the difficulties and the inability to gain access to the original plan for the Parchin complex of plants,

which had been designed by foreign consultants earlier, operations relating to the installation, operation, and expansion of the Parchin complex have been implemented thanks to around-the-clock efforts by Iranian specialists and inventors.

Later, Prime Minister Musavi addressed a gathering of employees at the plants and referred to the stratagems employed by U.S. imperialism to plunder the resources of developing countries and to plan those countries' economies in order to make them dependent. He also described America's plot to bring down oil prices and the role played by regional reaction in supporting America's plots.

He said: Recently oil prices have fallen thanks to America's plots and to the cooperation of regional reaction. It led to colossal amounts of capital belonging to the oppressed people of the region being poured into the pockets of European and American capitalists leading to a further acceleration of economic growth in the industrial countries.

The prime minister also referred to the fact that Reagan has announced that he would be prepared to launch a Marshall Plan to help economic recovery in oil-producing countries.

He said: By that plan America intends to make reactionary regimes more dependent and to increase their indebtedness in order to drive its claws deeper into their bodies and suck their blood even more. This is America's general policy: to plan the economies of dependent countries in such a way as to make it impossible for those countries to live independently.

In conclusion, the prime minister addressed the employees of the chemical industries belonging to the defense industries organization and said: The country's independence and its move toward self-sufficiency — a miracle that is taking place in our country today — are due to the people's struggle and steadfastness, and their faith in safeguarding the country's independence. Without the assistance of everyone in the nation the country's move towards self-sufficiency would not have been possible.

Musavi Presides Over Cabinet Meeting

LD301043 Tehran IRNA in English 1014 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 30, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi here Wednesday presided over a session of cabinet ministers in which recent developments in the country were reviewed.

The Prime Minister also reported on the latest attack of Islamic forces of Iran on Iraqi troops in northern Al-Faw peninsula and also the extent of Iraqi casualties.

Meanwhile, oil minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh presented a plan prepared by his ministry on diversifying oil terminals as to reduce the country's vulnerability in this respect.

Labour Minister Abol Qasim Sarhadizadeh also discussed the Labour Day and praised devotions on Iranian workers in war fronts.

Iraq Issues Curfew for Foreign Residents

GF291719 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1430 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] Following the sharp deterioration of the security situation in Iraq and the failure of the Zionist Ba'thist regime intelligence to control the situation, the Iraqi regime has asked foreign nationals residing in Iraq to stay indoors after 1500 [1100 GMT].

This was announced in the latest edition of the news report of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq which added that the request of the ruling regime in Iraq includes all foreign nationals residing in various governorates in Iraq.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,455

LD291541 Tehran IRNA in English 1530 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 29, IRNA — Iranian naval forces intercepted three commercial ships sailing under foreign flags in waters of the Hormuz Strait Monday, but allowed them to continue their voyage after being satisfied they were not carrying any Iraqi-bound goods, according to a military communique here Tuesday.

Communique number 2455 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces said in Yebis, southern fronts, Iranian Muslim combatants checked Iraqi motorized and armoured units and opened fire on enemy military hardware sites as well as light and heavy engineering vehicles, inflicting substantial casualties and losses on them. Artillery fire of Iranian forces pounded Iraqi troops who were parading their armoured units in an attempt to boost morale of Iraqi personnel. Their activities were halted and heavy casualties and damage inflicted on them, said the Joint Staff.

The communique said Iranian Muslim forces traded heavy artillery fire with Iraqi troops in the Western fronts especially in Sumar as a result of which four enemy vehicles and one 106 mm gun were destroyed and a number of enemy troops killed or wounded. Parts of Iraqi positions were also set ablaze.

In the northwestern fronts, the communique said, Muslim forces of Iran checked most engineering operations of Iraqi forces in areas overlooking Panjwin and exchanged sporadic artillery fire with enemy troops elsewhere throughout these fronts.

Meanwhile, Iraqi long range artillery fire on Abadan Monday damaged several buildings in the city.

100 POW's Transferred Behind Lines

LD291633 Tehran IRNA in English 1505 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] Al-Faw, Southern Iraq, April 29, IRNA -- Some 100 Iraqi soldiers taken captive in Monday night offensive of Iranian Muslim combatants have been transferred behind the fronts. Transfer of other Iraqi POW's is continuing. Iranian Muslim

forces launched their offensive against Iraqi troops in three axes in the Val-Fajr-8 operational theater Monday night.

Khatam ol-Anbiya' Communique No 3

LD291751 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] According to Communique No 3 of the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the joint operational center of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, at 2115 last night Islam's combatants, in the course of victorious operations with the blessed codenamed "Ya Mahdi, Ya Sahib al-Zaman" [O Mahdi, O Lord of the Era, may God Almighty hasten his advent] launched an attack on enemy forces along the three strategic axes, Al-Faw-Basra, Al-Faw-Al-Bihar and the salt lake, and encircled huge numbers of the ambushed enemy forces and, while setting ablaze many of their positions, fortifications, and military equipment, engaged in heavy battle with the forces of Saddam's Zionist Ba'thist regime. In the course of last night and today Islamic forces completely occupied seven important strategic ravines of the Zionist enemy along these axes.

Also, with the deployment of Islamic forces in the new positions and raising aloft of the glorious banner of Islam by the victors of today's operations in that region all the aggressor enemy's supply and communications axes are now within direct range of our forces' fire. Similarly, following the operations today by Islam's combatants heavy casualties have been inflicted on the Saddamist brigades and battalions encircled by our forces in that area. Apart from the total destruction of 48th Infantry Brigade of the 11th Division and of the remnants of the demolished 96th Infantry Division of the Iraqi Army, so far the 420th Infantry Brigade and the 2d and 3d Battalions of the 2d Iraqi Army Division have been totally destroyed and a number of their troops have been captured by Islam's forces. Thus, enemy casualties during the glorious operations last night and today have surpassed 4,600 and 105 enemy POW's have also been moved behind the front.

With the advance made by the Islamic forces along the strategic Al-Faw-Basra axis several other kilometers of enemy positions hae been liberated and with their complete conquest the selfless troops of the monotheistic army have succeeded in occupying and bringing under their complete control the command headquarters of the Baghdad regime's forces.

Also, two aircraft of the Zionist enemy which sought to support the feeble forces of the Zionist regime of Baghdad were hit and shot down by troops of the Islamic army.

Iraqi Planes Bomb Bakhtaran Village

LD291908 Tehran IRNA in English 1821 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 29, IRNA — Iraqi warplanes bombarded village of Rahimabad near Bakhtaran as well as a residential area in the city at 18:45 hours local time (15:15 GMT) Tuesday. One civilian was martyred and 32 others wounded. Some houses were also damaged as a result of the bombardment.

UN Team Invited To Visit Bakhtaran

LD300812 Tehran IRNA in English 0550 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 30, IRNA — The War Information Headquarters (WIH) invited the U.N. special team supervising the implementation of the June 12, 1984 agreement, to inspect ruins of the latest Iraqi air raid on the western border city of Bakhtaran.

In a statement issued here Tuesday, the WIH said that Iraqi planes hit a residential area in Bakhtaran, capital of Bakhtaran Province, and also the Rahimabad village near the city Tuesday afternoon, as a result of which one civilian was killed and 32 others injured.

The Iraqi regime once again proved its disrespect for international regulations, it added. However, the Islamic Forces of Iran will give due response to this Iraqi violation of human rights at war fronts, the statement said.

In June 12, 1984, the Iraqi regime assured the United Nations secretary general that it would totally stop its attack on non-military targets in Iran. Since then the Iraqi regime has repeatedly attacked Iranian cities and civilians.

Khatam ol-Anbiya' HQ Update

GF300520 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] According to the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Joint Operational Headquarters, the Islamic warriors continued their glorious victories, which began yesterday, as a followup to the "Val-Fajr-8" operations in the strategic axes of Al-Faw-Basra, Al-Faw-Al-Bihar and the salt lake. Last night they succeeded in delivering heavy blows to the 66th Special Brigade of the defeated Iraqi army, killing more enemy troops.

Also during the Islamic soldiers' clashes yesterday, several tanks and armored personnel carriers of the Iraqi troops were destroyed with shell fire of the ground troops of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the fast-flying eagles of the Havaniruz [helicopter rangers] of the ground forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Iraqi Troops Under Seige

LD291938 Tehran IRNA in English 1927 GMT 29 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 28, IRNA — Muslim combatants put up loud speakers near the salt lake in Al-Faw peninsula to call on besieged Iraqi troops to surrender, one combat commander said Tuesday. He said several Iraqi sodliers have already waved the white flag and come towards Iranian positions.

Two Iraqi battalions came under siege Tuesday afternoon as Muslim combatants advanced towards the salt factory northwest of the oil-port city of Al-Faw. The commander said his troops advanced five kilometers in the "heart of enemy positions and purged the area of Iraqi troops." He told IRNA at 18:00 hours (1430 GMT) that other Iraqi units no longer had the ability to

maneuver in the area and had failed to break the siege. Before Tuesday's operation Iraqi troops overlooked portions of Iranian communication links in the area. "But no longer" the commander said.

Al-Faw peninsula is Iraq's only access to open sea. Port of Al-Faw lies on Arvand River on the east. The salt lake and the salt factory is in its center.

Iraqi 31st Division 'Crushed'

LD301055 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] According to reports from the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the joint operations center of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, simultaneous with the shining victories of the forces of monotheism in the "Val-Fajr-8" operational theater, last night, during a clash with Iraqi forces who were attempting an offensive, the combatants of Islam inflicted heavy losses on Iraq's 31st Division and completely crushed them.

During this heavy battle, thanks to the self-sacrifices of the ground forces, guards and Basij combatants from Yazd Province, more than 300 enemy troops were killed and a large amount of enemy equipment was destroyed.

Khatam ol-Anbiya' Communique No 4

LD301124 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Communique No 4 from Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters]

[Text] Last night and today the forces of Islam continued their operations along the three operational axes of Al-Faw-Basra, Al-Faw-al-Bihar and the salt lake. During an intense clash beginning early last night and continuing until this morning, the forces of Islam succeeded in destroying several more enemy positions, liberating several more kilometers of territory in this sector and capturing some new fortifications and strongholds on the Al-Faw-Basra highway.

In the course of these operations, in addition to the destruction of the brigades and battalions which were mentioned in previous communiques of the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the forces of Islam succeeded in fully crushing the 28th Infantry Brigade, which had been regrouped and reorganized, the commando battaltion of the 702nd Brigade, two complete battalions of the 101st Brigade, one battalion from the 501st Brigade, one tank company and two battalions from the 66th Brigade of Special Forces of the defeated Iraqi Armed Forces.

The forces of Islam also killed and captured a large number of the enemy troops, bringing to over 5,100 the number of casualties of the defeated Iraqi Armed Forces.

In the course of these operations, launched in order to advance into positions of Iraq's fresh troops along the Al-Faw-Basra highway to and rout them, a large number of enemy arms and equipment, including more than 10 tanks, several personnel carriers, dozens of large ammunition depots and loaders and mechanized excavators came under synchronized fire of the armored division of the ground forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, and from pilots of the airborne division of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The enemy's equipment was destroyed.

The forces of Islam also captured large quantities of the Iraqi forces' arms and ammunition, which are currently being used against the Zionist enemy in battle. A helicopter gunship of the Ba'thist enemy also was hit by the fire of the forces of Islam in this region and crashed.

Iraq Counterattack Crushed

LD301126 Tehran IRNA in English 1100 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 30, IRNA — The Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps and the Army in the south of Majnun Island crushed a counterattack of the Iraqi 31st Division Tuesday night. The Islamic Forces of Iran inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy forces, which is estimated to be more than 300. In this operation large amount of enemy munitions were destroyed and set ablaze by the Islamic Forces of Iran.

Afghan Nationals Protest Soviet Occupation of DRA

LD271357 Tehran IRNA in English 1354 GMT 27 Apr 86

[Text] Tehran, April 27, IRNA — Afghan Muslims residing in Iran held demonstrations across Iranian cities Sunday and protested to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Afghan political parties and combatant organizations which participated in the rallies called for unconditional withdrawal of the Soviet forces from the country. "Death to the Russians - death to America" they shouted.

Addressing the marchers in Tehran, an Afghan theologian Hojjat ol-Eslam Anvari described Soviet aims in the invasion and said the only way to achieve victory in Afghanistan is to unite the combatant organizations. Anvari said Afghan people are facing one enemy and they should struggle in union against their enemy and its puppet Government in Afghanistan.

Over 1.5 million Afghan refugees live and work in Iran. They enjoy the same rights as Iranian citizens. The Islamic Republic supports the establishment of an independent Muslim government in Afghanistan.

Last year representatives from the United Nations visited Afghan refugee camps in east Iran. They praised the policy of the Islamic republic vis-a-vis Afghan refugees.

Also speaking at the Tehran demo was an Afghan Sunni theologian Maulawi Sahib 'Abdol Rasoul who condemned U.N.-sponsored negotiations between Afghanistan and Pakistan Governments. 'Abdol Rasoul rejected any talks in which representatives of the Afghan Muslims were absent.

A 13-article resolution was issued at the end of the demonstration in which continuation of struggle on the basis of the Islamic ideals were reiterated. The resolution also called for the down fall of the Kabul regime. Marchers furthermore lauded measures taken by Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with the Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan, but they called for more Iranian contribution. Identical demonstrations have also been reported from other cities including Esfahan, Mashhad, Yazd, Kerman and Qom.

Afghan Revolutionaries Attack Keshtmand's Home

LD301251 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 30 Apr 86

[Text] The Muslim Afghan revolutionaries last Sunday [27 April] launched a rocket attack on the residence of Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, prime minister of Afghanistan. According to a report dispatched by the Central News Unit from Islamabad, during this attack a rocket exploded near the British Embassy in Kabul, which is in the vicinity of the Afghan prime minister's residence.

On the basis of this report, the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries timed their attack to coincide with readiness of the Kabul regime's officials to celebrate the anniversary of the Marxist coup d'etat in Afghanistan.

Nothing has been reported about casualties of this attack.

The report adds that 2 days prior to this attack, the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries also fired seven rockets on Kabul airport.